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<TEXT>It has come to my attention that the FCC is in the process of trying to propose a flat fee on cell phones. As I am on a fixed income, I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I would appreciate it if you would reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I don't use my wireless phone that often, just for safety, security and convenience. I live in the country and have to drive dark, windy roads at night. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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